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APPENDIX H

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APPENDIX I

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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## NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION FROM STATE COURT

NO.

AND NOW, comes defendant, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, (hereinafter "State Farm" or "defendant") for the purpose only of removing the case to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and respectfully avers as follows:

- 1. This is a civil action filed and now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, March Term, 2015 No. 03089.
- 2. Said action was commenced by the filing of a Complaint on March 25, 2015. The Complaint was served via certified mail on State Farm. A true and correct copy of plaintiff's Complaint is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "A".
- 3. The averments made herein are true and correct with respect to the date and time upon which suit was commenced and the date upon which this notice is being filed.
- 4. This suit is of a civil nature and involves a controversy between citizens of different states. Plaintiff is an individual who now, and was at the time plaintiff commenced this action, a citizen of this Commonwealth. Defendant State Farm is now and was at the time plaintiff commenced this civil action and filed his complaint, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and with its principal place of business at One State Farm Plaza, Bloomington, Illinois.

- 5. Defendant, State Farm, has simultaneously with the filing of this notice, given written notice to the plaintiff.
- 6. Defendant, State Farm, is also filing a copy of the instant notice of removal and all attachments thereto with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.
- 7. The Complaint asserts breach of contract and bad faith pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8371. The amount in controversy with regard to the breach of contract claim is listed to be less than \$50,000. Plaintiff also attached a complaint from his public adjuster which totals approximately \$31,198.78.
- 8. In his bad faith claim, pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §8371, plaintiff seeks in addition to compensatory damages, interest upon the amount of the contract claim against defendant at prime rate plus three percent, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs.
- 9. Defendant seeks to remove this matter to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Defendant asserts that the amount in controversy in this matter exceeds \$75,000. As the moving party, defendant bears the burden of proving that jurisdiction is proper in federal court. Russ vs. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 961 F.Supp. 808, 810 (E.D. Pa. 1997).
- 10. In determining whether the jurisdiction amount has been satisfied, the Court must first look at the Complaint. Angus vs. Shiley, Inc., 989 F.2d 142, 145 (3rd Circ. 1993).
- 11. The underlying lawsuit as alleged in the Complaint arises out of defendant's handling of a property damage claim to plaintiff's property located at 1532 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Reading, Pennsylvania for a loss that occurred on or about May 22, 2014.
- 12. There is no specific assertion as to the amount in controversy set forth in plaintiff's complaint. However, plaintiff avers in his breach of contract claim that the damages caused by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defense counsel contacted plaintiff's counsel to determine if plaintiff would be willing to stipulate to capping damages to \$75,000. Plaintiff's counsel stated that despite the public adjuster's estimate, he was unable to stipulate to capping damages which has required Liberty to file the instant removal.

the loss was less than \$50,000 and attach an estimate from Metro Public Adjusters as Exhibit "A" to the complaint which indicates total damages of approximately \$31,198.78. See Exhibit "A".

- 13. With reference to his bad faith claim pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A.§8371, plaintiff avers that he is seeking punitive damages, interest, as well as attorney's fees and costs for litigation. Attorney's fees must also be included in determining the amount in controversy. Neff vs. General Motors Corp., 163 F.R.D. 478, 482 (E.D. Pa. 1995). It would not be unreasonable to expect that over the course of an approximate six month litigation, counsel could incur costs and fees in an amount approaching \$15,000.
- 14. In addition, it is anticipated that plaintiff will also seek punitive damages pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §8371. Whether both actual and punitive damages are recoverable, punitive damages are properly considered in determining whether the jurisdictional amount has been satisfied. Bell vs. Preferred Life Assurance Soc'y, 320 U.S. 238, 240, 88 L. Ed. 15, 64 S. Ct. 5 (1943). The contractual amount in controversy alleged in the Complaint are approximately \$31,198.78 based on the allegations in the Complaint, coupled with estimated reasonable attorneys' fees, and if plaintiff is able to sustain a finding of bad faith, although the propriety of same is disputed by moving defendant, it is not unreasonable to expect that a punitive damage award five or six times the amount in controversy could be rendered by the trier of fact.

WHEREFORE, defendant, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, hereby removes this suit to this Honorable Court pursuant to the laws of the United States in such cases made and provided.

By: PAC2642 Papula A. Culles
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JOHN DUNN :

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VS.

STATE FARM FIRE AND

CASUALTY COMPANY : NO.

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

TO: Scott Gallant, Esquire
One Penn Center, Suite 1270
1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19103

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company has filed in this Court a verified Notice for Removal of the State Court action, <u>John Dunn vs. State Farm Fire</u> and <u>Casualty Company</u>, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, March Term, 2015, No. 03089.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a certified copy of the Notice of Removal will be filed with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §1446(f), the State action is now removed to this Court. The State Court has no further jurisdiction over this action and you should proceed no further in that Court or under its authority.

BY: Panula A. Carlos

PAMELA A. CARLOS, ESQUIRE LILY K. HUFFMAN, ESQUIRE

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## DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATION OF FILING OF COPY OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL WITH STATE COURT

Pamela A. Carlos, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is a member with the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg LLC, attorneys for defendant, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company.

That she did direct the filing with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County a copy of the Notice of Removal, attached hereto, said filing to be made on April 23, 2015.

BY: Parula A. Carlos

PAMELA A. CARLOS, ESQUIRE

Attorney for defendant

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

1601 Market Street, 16th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103 Carlos@bbs-law.com

(215) 665-3315

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>23th</u> day of April, 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL
DENISE M. PATSCH, Notary Public
City of Philadelphia, Phila County
My Commission Expires October 24, 2017

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pamela A. Carlos, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is an attorney with the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg LLC, attorneys for defendant, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company and that she certifies that a true and correct copy of this Removal Petition was filed electronically and is available for viewing and downloading from the Electronic Case filing system which constitutes service upon the following counsel of record:

Scott Gallant, Esquire One Penn Center, Suite 1270 1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19103

BY:

Pamila A Carlos

PAMELA A. CARLOS, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Defendant

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>23th</u> day of April, 2015.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL
DENISE M. PATSCH, Notary Public
City of Philadelphia, Phila. County
My Commission Expires October 24, 2017

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**AFFIDAVIT** 

I, Pamela A. Carlos, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, do hereby depose and state

that I am the attorney for Defendant, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, the Petitioner in the

foregoing Notice of Removal, that I have been duly authorized by the Petitioner to execute this

Affidavit, that I am familiar with the facts involved in this matter, and that the allegations set forth

in the foregoing Notice of Removal are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information

and belief.

Panula A. Carlos PAMELA A. CARLOS, ESQUIRE

**DATE:** April 23, 2015

## **EXHIBIT** "A"

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State Farm Fire & Casualty Company One State Farm Plaza Bloomington, IL 61710-0001

> RE: John Dunn v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Company Philadelphia County, CCP, march Term, 2015, No. 3089

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a Civil Action Complaint, which has been filed against you in the above-referenced matter. I would advise you to forward this document to your attorney immediately as it requires an Answer within thirty (30) days. If you would like to discuss an amicable resolution of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Identification No. 69676 One Penn Center, Suite 1270 1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19103 sgallant@gallantparlow.com (215) 568-2900

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Attorney for Plaintiff

JOHN DUNN 1532 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Reading, PA 19604

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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STATE FARM FIRE & CASUALTY **COMPANY** 

Bloomington, IL 61710-0001

One State Farm Plaza

#### CIVIL ACTION

#### NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

#### <u>AVISO</u>

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las páginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notification. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o a entregar a la corte en forma con un abogado y escrita sus defensas o sus objectiones a las demandas en contra de su personá. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomará medidas y puede continuar la demandante y la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificación. Además, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades u otros derechos importantes para usted. INMEDIATAMENTE. SI NO TIENE ABOGADO O SINO TIENE EL DINERO SUFICIENTE DE PAGAR TAL SERVICO, VAYA EN PERSONA O LLAME POR TELÉFONO A LA OFICINA CUYA DIRECCIÓN SE ENCUENTRA ESCRITA ABAJO PARA AVERIGUAR DONDE SE PUEDE CONSEGUIR ASISTENCIA LEGAL

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IN ARBITRATION ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES HEARING REQUIRED

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JOHN DUNN ---1532 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Reading, PA 19604

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

v.

STATE FARM FIRE & CASUALTY **COMPANY** One State Farm Plaza Bloomington, IL 61710-0001

#### **CIVIL ACTION** (1C. Contracts & Bad Faith)

- Plaintiff, John Dunn, is an adult individual residing at the address as set forth 1. above.
- 2. Defendant, State Farm Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, is a corporation, incorporation, company, limited liability company, or other similar corporate entity duly organized and existing and licensed to issue policies of insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintains its principal place of business at the address set forth above.
  - 3. Defendant regularly conducts business in the City and County of Philadelphia.
- Defendant, in its regular course of business, issued to Plaintiff a policy of 4. insurance, Policy No. 78NX58952, covering Plaintiff's premises located at 1532 North 11th Street, Reading, PA 19604. Plaintiff is not in possession of the entire policy and it is alleged that said policy is in the possession of Defendant.

- 5. At all times material hereto, Defendant was acting either individually or through its duly authorized agents, servants, workmen or employees, who were acting within the course and scope of their employment and on the business of said employer.
- 6. On or about May 22, 2014, while said policy of insurance was in full force and effect, Plaintiff suffered a sudden and accidental direct physical loss due to wind, hail and rain, resulting in damage to the insured premises in those areas and to the extent set forth in the Estimate of Loss of Metro Public Adjustment, Inc., a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, made part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A".
- 7. Notice of Plaintiff's covered loss was given to Defendant in a prompt and timely manner and Plaintiff has done and otherwise performed all things required of him under the policy of insurance issued by Defendant, including cooperating with Defendant's investigation; mitigating damages where reasonable, required and/or possible; providing Defendant with all available information and complying with all conditions precedent.
- 8. Defendant, despite demand for benefits under its policy of insurance has failed and refused to pay to Plaintiff those benefits due and owing under said policy of insurance.
- 9. Solely as a result of Defendant's failure and refusal to pay benefits to Plaintiff as required under the aforementioned policy of insurance, as well as the mishandling of Plaintiff's claim, Plaintiff has suffered loss and damage in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

#### **COUNT I - BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 10. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the facts and allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though same were set forth herein at length.
  - 11. Defendant has breached its contractual obligations to pay benefits to Plaintiff for a

loss covered under Defendant's policy of insurance.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, John Dunn, demands judgment against Defendant, State Farm Fire & Casualty Insurance Company in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) together with interest and costs.

#### **COUNT II - BAD FAITH**

- 12. Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein the facts and allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though same were set forth herein at length.
- 13. Defendant has engaged in Bad Faith conduct toward Plaintiff and has treated Plaintiff unreasonably and unfairly with respect to its adjustment of Plaintiff's covered loss, in violation of 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8371.
- 14. In furtherance of its bad faith and wrongful denial and refusal to pay benefits for Plaintiff's covered loss, Defendant, acting by and through its duly authorized agents, servants, workmen or employees, has engaged in the following conduct:
  - (a) in forwarding correspondence to Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's representative, representing to Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's representatives that his claim was not, in fact, covered under Defendant's policy of insurance when Defendant knew or should have known that such representation was false and misleading.
  - (b) in failing to effectuate a prompt, fair and equitable settlement of Plaintiff's claim when its liability under the policy became reasonably clear;
  - (c) in misrepresenting pertinent facts or policy or contract provisions relating to the coverages at issue;
  - (d) in treating the Plaintiff with reckless indifference and disregard under the circumstances;

(e) in not having a reasonable basis for denying Plaintiff's benefits under the

policy and in knowingly or recklessly disregarding its lack of reasonable basis when it

denied Plaintiff's claim;

(f) in interpreting ambiguous terms, provisions and/or conditions of the

aforementioned policy in its favor and against Plaintiff.

15. Solely as a result of Defendant's bad faith misconduct as aforesaid, Plaintiff has

been required to obtain counsel to commence the present action to recover benefits due and

owing under the policy of insurance issued by Defendant for Plaintiff's covered loss, and has

incurred costs and other expenses in connection with said claim.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, John Dunn, demands judgment against Defendant, State Farm

Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, for punitive damages, counsel fees and costs, together with

interest on Plaintiff's claim, in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

GALLANT & PARLOW, P.C.

BY: /s/Scott R. Gallant

SCOTT R. GALLANT, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: March 25, 2015

#### **VERIFICATION**

The undersigned, having read the attached document, verifies that the within document is based on information furnished to counsel, which information has been gathered by counsel in the course of this lawsuit. The language of the document is that of counsel and not of signer. Signer verifies that he/she has read the within document and that it is true and correct to the best of signer's knowledge, information and belief. To the extent that the contents of the document are that of counsel, verifier has relied upon counsel in taking this Verification. This Verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

JOHN DUNN

FILE NO.: 6295

# EXHIBIT A



Insured:

John Dunn

Property:

1532 N. 11th St.

Reading, PA 19604

Claim Rep.:

Chris Powers

Company:

Metro Public Adjustment

Estimator:

Chris Powers

Company:

Metro Public Adjustment

Claim Number: 385H49752

Policy Number: 78-NX-5895-2

Type of Loss: Hail

Date of Loss:

5/22/2014

Date Received:

Date Inspected:

Date Entered:

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Price List:

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Restoration/Service/Remodel

Estimate: DI

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The following estimate is only an approximation of the damages suffered, or expenses incurred, by the insured. No warranty or representation with regard to the accuracy of the estimate is expressed or implied and none should be inferred. The actual damages suffered, or expenses incurred, could be higher or lower than the estimate, even significantly, depending on variances in a number of factors affecting the estimate and the accuracy of the information and assumptions upon which the estimate is based. The estimate is based upon, among other things: information provided to us by the insured; our own observations; measurements taken by our own representatives, the insured and others engaged by the insured; as well as certain assumptions made by us. Many factors may effect the amount of the estimate where compensation has already been received by the insured for the damage, and with regard to which payment we were not informed; the cost of one contractor varying from another contractor as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, the quality of the work, the quality of the materials, or warranties provided by such contractors; damages that were not observed at the time the estimate was rendered because of a lack of accessibility or weather; and all other factors beyond our reasonable control. This estimate has been calculated for informational purposes only, and is based upon our good faith belief as the damages suffered or expenses incurred as a result of the particular loss, and only represents one opinion as to the method of repair, restoration, or replacement. Any reliance on the estimate is at your own risk and you agree to hold Mctro Public Adjustment, Inc., its representatives, employees, agents, officers, and principals harmless in the event of such reliance. Copyright 1996 Metro Public Adjustment, Inc.



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#### Main Level

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DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
4. R&R Furring strip - 2" x 2"	600.00 SF	0.37	0.88	750.00
10. Insulation - Labor Minimum	1.00 EA	0.00	183.80	183.80
allow for damaged insulation in atic				
Total: Main Level			,	933.80

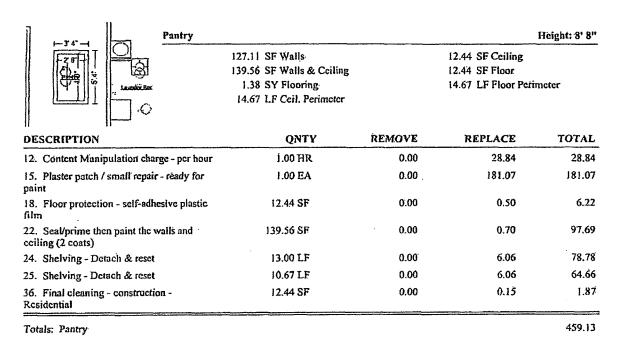
DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
11. Content Manipulation charge - per hour	2.00 HR	0.00	28.84	57.68
14. Interior Plaster Repair - Min. Charge - Labor and Material	1.00 EA	0.00	282.92	282.92
17. Floor protection - self-adhesive plastic film	120.83 SF	0.00	0.50	60.42
20. R&R Acoustic ceiling tile - High grade	120.83 SF	0.47	3.60	491.78
23. Scal/prime then paint the walls and ceiling (2 coats) - 2 colors	503.61 SF	0.00	0.78	392.82
30. Built-in oven - Detach & reset	1.00 EA	0.00	119.56	119.56
31. Refrigerator - Remove & reset	1.00 EA	0.00	28.45	28.45
32. Radiator unit - Large - Detach & reset	1.00 EA	0.00	257.07	257.07
34. Shelving - Detach & reset	4.00 LF	0.00	6.06	24.24
35. Final cleaning - construction - Residential	120.83 SF	0.00	0.15	18.12
Totals: Kitchen				1,733.06

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Laundry Room							
369.78	SF Walls						
460.19	SF Walls & Ceiling						
10.05	SY Flooring						

42.67 LF Ceil. Perimeter

Height: 8' 8"

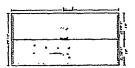
90.42	SF	Ceiling
90.42	SF	Floor
42.67	LF	Floor Perimeter

DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
13. Content Manipulation charge - per hour	1.00 HR	0.00	28,84	28.84
16. Drywall - Labor Minimum	1.00 EA	0.00	249.05	249.05
19. Floor protection - self-adhesive plastic film	90.42 SF	0.00	0.50	45.21
21. Seal/prime then paint the walls and ceiling (2 coats)	460.19 SF	0.00	0.70	322.13
27. Dryer - Remove & reset	1.00 EA	0.00	21.36	21.36
28. Washer - Extractor - Remove & reset	1.00 EA	0.00	73.84	73.84
29. Light fixture - Detach & reset	1.00 EA	0.00	30.96	30.96
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#### CONTINUED - Laundry Room

DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
37. Final cleaning - construction - Residential	90.42 SF	0.00	0.15	13.56
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Totals: Laundry Room				784.95



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2,971.55 Surface Area 228.31 Total Perimeter Length 29.72 Number of Squares 74.00 Total Ridge Length

DESCRIPTION	QNTY	REMOVE	REPLACE	TOTAL
I. R&R Masonry chimney and flue	7.98 LF	51.46	240.46	2,329.52
2. R&R Chimney flashing - average (32" x 36")	1.00 EA	14.48	262.54	277.02
3. Dumpster load - Approx. 20 yards, 4 tons of debris	1.00 EA.	520.00	0.00	520.00
5. Remove Slate roofing - High grade - 18" to 24" tall	14.86 ŞQ	128.41	0.00	1,908.17
6. State roofing - High grade - 18" to 24" tall	14.86 SQ	0,00	1,080.72	16,059.50
7. Scaffold - per section (per day)	50.00 DA	0.00	16.20	810.00
8. Remove Additional charge for high roof (2 stories or greater)	14.86 SQ	4.08	0.00	60.63
9. Additional charge for high roof (2 stories or greater)	14.86 SQ	0.00	13.11	194.81
26. R&R Flashing - pipe jack	3,00 EA	5.44	28.30	101.22
Totals: Roofi				22,260.87
Total: Main Level				26,171.81
Line Item Totals: DUNN				26,171.81

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#### Grand Total Areas:

74.00 Total Ridge Length

1,103.36 SF Walls and Ceiling 223.69 SF Ceiling 879.67 SF Walls 101.50 LF Floor Perimeter 24.85 SY Flooring 223.69 SF Floor 101.50 LF Ceil. Perimeter 0.00 SF Long Wall 0.00 SF Short Wall 879.67 Interior Wall Area 258.86 Total Arca 223.69 Floor Area 109.50 Exterior Perimeter of 1,334.89 Exterior Wall Area Walls 228.31 Total Perimeter Length 29.72 Number of Squares 2,971.55 Surface Area

0.00 Total Hip Length

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#### **Summary for Dwelling**

Net Claim				\$31,198.78
Replacement Cost Value Less Deductible				\$32,198.78 (1,000.00)
Cleaning Sales Tax	@	6.000%		2.41
Profit	@	10.0%		2,683.06
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Subtotal				26,830.25
Material Sales Tax	@	6.000%	<b></b> .	658.44
Line Item Total				26,171.81

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#### Recap by Room

Estimate: DUNN		
Area: Main Level	933.80	3.57%
Kitchen	1,733.06	6.62%
Pantry	459.13	1.75%
Laundry Room	784.95	3.00%
Roofi .	22,260.87	85.06%
Area Subtotal: Main Level	26,171.81	100.00%
Subtotal of Areas	26,171.81	100.00%
Total	26.171.81	100.00%



#### Recap by Category

O&P Items			Total	%
ACOUSTICAL TREATMENTS			434.99	1.35%
APPLIANCES		•	243.21	0.76%
CLEANING			33.55	0.10%
CONTENT MANIPULATION			115.36	0.36%
GENERAL DEMOLITION			3,209.04	9.97%
DRYWALL			249.05	0.77%
FINISH CARPENTRY / TRIMWORK			167,68	0.52%
FIREPLACES			1,918.87	5.96%
FRAMING & ROUGH CARPENTRY			528.00	1.64%
HEAT, VENT & AIR CONDITIONING			257.07	0.80%
INSULATION			183.80	0.57%
LIGHT FIXTURES			30.96	0.10%
INTERIOR LATH & PLASTER			463.99	1.44%
PAINTING			924.49	2.87%
ROOFING			16,601.75	51.56%
SCAFFOLDING			810.00	2.52%
O&P Items Subtotal	<u></u>		26,171.81	81.28%
Material Sales Tax	@	6.000%	658.44	2.04%
Overhead	œ	10.0%	2,683.06	8.33%
Profit	œ	10.0%	2,683.06	8.33%
Cleaning Sales Tax	@	6.000%	2.41	0.01%
Total			32,198.78	100.00%

Minimum Charges vs. Service Charges

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The key distinction between a labor minimum and a service charge is that the minimum charge includes time (labor) needed to actually perform the work, while the service charge does not. Service charges, as defined, include only the drive-time and mobilization fees which are applied in many cases regardless of the amount of work being done.

General Contractor and Subcontractor Overhead and Profit

When Xactware surveys prices from contractors in the field, the unit prices the contractors provide are intended to be inclusive of costs and fees associated with performing the task, but exclude any general overhead and profit percentage.

While most often what is referred to as overhead and profit (O&P) is general overhead and profit paid to the general contractor, there is an additional category of O&P that is often not mentioned: this is the O&P required by the subcontractor who performs the work.

The unit prices published by Xactware should include the general contractors cost to either perform the work with in-house employees or to hire a subcontractor.

Because subcontractors incut their own overhead and also desire a profit, it can be reasonably assumed that the unit prices published by Xactware include the subcontractors O&P, but do not include the general contractors O&P.

Summary:
When used, general overhead and profit is most commonly added to the end of the estimate as a percentage of the total job; therefore, the general overhead and profit percentage is not included within the unit prices published by Xactware.

Subcontractor's O&P is intended to be included within the unit prices.

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